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Obama Administration Announces Additional \$20,608,300 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in New Mexico

Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence

WASHINGTON – Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest \$3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes \$20,608,300 for state, county and city efforts in New Mexico. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of \$58,676,604 in New Mexico weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12th and detailed at <u>energy.gov/recovery</u>.

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on

government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

"The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America's economy and create jobs at the local level," said Secretary Chu. "The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation's long term clean energy and climate goals."

Funding for state, city, and county governments in the state includes:

NM	New Mexico Total Sum City, County, and SEO		
	Allocations	All	\$20,608,300
NM		State Energy	
	New Mexico	Office	\$9,593,500
NM	Alamogordo	City	\$147,700
NM	Albuquerque	City	\$5,051,200
NM	Carlsbad	City	\$107,800
NM	Clovis	City	\$139,800
NM	Farmington	City	\$191,800
NM	Hobbs	City	\$128,700
NM	Las Cruces	City	\$888,000
NM	Rio Rancho	City	\$697,000
NM	Roswell	City	\$195,500
NM	Santa Fe	City	\$781,600
NM	Bernalillo	County	\$459,500
NM	Dona Ana	County	\$446,900
NM	Grant	County	\$126,400
NM	McKinley	County	\$299,600
NM	Rio Arriba	County	\$166,500
NM	San Juan	County	\$329,400
NM	Sandoval	County	\$169,500
NM	Santa Fe	County	\$264,000
NM	Taos	County	\$134,100
NM	Valencia	County	\$289,800

In addition, today's announcement includes funding for the following Tribal governments in the state:

	Name	Allocation
NM	Jicarilla Apache Nation, New Mexico	\$104,000
NM	Mescalero Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation, New Mexico	\$120,900
NM	Ohkay Owingeh, New Mexico (formerly the Osage Tribe)	\$81,200
NM	Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico	\$110,700
NM	Pueblo of Cochiti, New Mexico	\$40,400
NM	Pueblo of Isleta, New Mexico	\$112,000
NM	Pueblo of Jemez, New Mexico	\$84,000
NM	Pueblo of Laguna, New Mexico	\$143,500
NM	Pueblo of Nambe, New Mexico	\$32,000
NM	Pueblo of Picuris, New Mexico	\$25,000
NM	Pueblo of Pojoaque, New Mexico	\$25,000
NM	Pueblo of San Felipe, New Mexico	\$102,200
NM	Pueblo of San Ildefonso, New Mexico	\$34,500
NM	Pueblo of Sandia, New Mexico	\$33,600
NM	Pueblo of Santa Ana, New Mexico	\$32,600
NM	Pueblo of Santa Clara, New Mexico	\$62,700
NM	Pueblo of Santo Domingo, New Mexico	\$123,900
NM	Pueblo of Taos, New Mexico	\$61,400
NM	Pueblo of Tesuque, New Mexico	\$28,500
NM	Pueblo of Zia, New Mexico	\$38,600
NM	Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, New Mexico	\$267,500
NM/AZ/UT	Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico & Utah	\$6,079,400
NM/CO/UT	Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountatin Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico & Utah	\$75,000

(NOTE: If a Tribal government spans more than one state, the number above reflects the allocation for the Tribal government as a whole.)

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm.